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SUBJ: GOC SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: POSSIBLE CHANGES

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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S POLITICAL ADVISER EXPECTS PINOCHET TO DISCUSS SHAPE OF CHILE'S POLITICAL FUTURE IN SEPTEMBER 11 CELEBRATION SPEECH. HE ALSO THINKS LEVEL OF STATE OF SIEGE WILL BE LOWERED, CIVIL COURTS WILL BE GIVEN SOME REVIEW AUTHORITY OVER DECISIONS OF MILITARY TRIBUNALS, AND RIGHT OF HABEAS CORPUS (AMPARE) IN NATIONAL SECURITY OFFENSES WILL BE RESTORED TO SOME EXTENT. ADVISER WAS OPTIMISTIC ON GOC'S FUTURE AND BELIEVE IT WOULD WEATHER ECONOMIC AUSTERITY AND FOREIGN CRITICISM. END SUMMARY.

2. ADCM AUGUST 5 ASKED ALVARO PUGA, PINOCHET' RIGHTIST POLITICAL ADVISER, WHAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED AT SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF COUP ON SEPTEMBER 11. PUGA EXPECTED INTER ALIA THAT DECREE LAW WOULD BE PROMULGATED ESTABLISHING "LEGISLATIVE-CONSTITUENT" POWER OF JUNTA DISTINCT FROM EXECUTIVE POWER OF PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC. DECREE LAW ITSELF WAS READY, BUT WORK WAS STILL BEING DONE ON REGULATIONS. (IN FACT, WIDE PUBLICITY HAS RECENTLY BEEN GIVEN TO JUNTA'S LEGISLATIVE POWERS, PERHAPS ITS PRINCIPAL RAISON D'ETRE.)

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3. MORE IMPORTANTLY, PUGA SAID THAT PEOPLE KNOW WELL

KIND OF ECONOMIC SYSTEM DESIRED BY JUNTA. SHAPE OF POLITICAL FUTURE IN CONTRAST HAD DELIBERATELY BEEN LEFT VAGUE SO FAR, AND JUNTA'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY WOULD BE GOOD OCCASION TO BEGIN CLARIFICATION. PUGA'S OWN WORDS WERE NOT CLEAR, BUT HE HINTED AT SOME KIND OF REPRESENTATIVE, DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM CONSISTENT WITH CHILE'S REPUBLICAN TRADITION. SAID MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM IS NOT NECESSARY FOR DEMOCRACY; TWO PARTIES ON US LINE WOULD BE ENOUGH. ALSO INDICATED THAT PINOCHET MAY DESCRIBE TIME FRAME FOR INTRODUCTION OF VARIOUS STAGES OF CHILE' NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM OVER PERIOD OF YEARS.

4. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS ON GOVERNMENT'S EMERGENCY POWERS, PUGA SAID LEVEL OF STATE OF SIEGE MAY BE LOWERED WHEN CURRENT SIX-MONTH AUTHORIZATION EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 11, ALTHOUGH CHILEAN SITUATION WILL REQUIRE MAINTENANCE OF STATE OF SIEGE FOR ANOTHER YEAR OR 18 MONTHS. HE EXPECTED THAT CIVIL COURTS WOULD BE GIVEN SOME JURISDICTION OVER MILITARY TRIBUNALS IN NATIONAL SECURITY CASES, AND THAT HABEAS CORPUS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SOME EXTENT IN SUCH CASES.

5. PUGA PUT CHILEAN SITUATION INTO CONTEXT OF DETERIORATING WORLD CONDITIONS IN WHICH CONVENTIONAL DEMOCRACIES CANNOT COPE WITH COMMUNIST PRESSURES AND ECONOMIC/TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS. DEMOCRACIES CAN REMAIN INDEPENDENT ONLY BY GOING AUTHORITARIAN. UNITED STATES MAY RESIST FOR A TIME BECAUSE OF ITS POWER, BUT WILL BE INCREASINGLY ISOLATED AND FORCED TO CHANGE ITS INSTITUTIONS.

6. PUGA WAS PLEASED WITH GOC'S SECOND GALLUP POLL (REF B). SAID IT SHOWED CHILEANS HAD ABSORBED LESSONS OF POLITICAL PAST, ARE NOT INTERESTED IN ELECTIONS, REJECT TRADITIONAL PARTIES AND TRADE UNIONS, AND WANT STRONG NATIONAL AUTHORITY. THEY ARE WORRIED BY ECONOMIC AUSTERITY, BUT GOC HAS CAREFULLY KEPT STANDARDS HIGH ENOUGH TO AVOID STARVATION. MOREOVER, COPPER PRICE IS BOUND TO GO UP, AND ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM IS WORKING WELL.

7. PUGA WAS HEARTENED BY POLL'S SHOWING THAT NON-LATIN AMERICANS RATED BRAZIL HIGH FOR DEMOCRACY. CHILE WAS AT
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BOTTOM, WHICH SHOWED SUCCESS OF MARXIST ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT CHILE IS "WORSE THAN A PARAGUAY." BRAZIL CASE DEMONSTRATES, HOWEVER, THAT WORLD EQUATES ECONOMIC SUCCESS WITH DEMOCRACY. CHILEAN ECONOMIC SUCCESS WILL BEGIN IN 1976, AND WITH IT ISOLATION WILL BEGIN TO DISAPPEAR.

8. COMMENT: PUGA IS CORRECT IN SAYING THAT GOC POLITICAL GOALS ARE STILL VAGUE. HE SEEMS TO THINK THAT FURTHER

SEPARATION BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE POWERS WILL IMPROVE GOC IMAGE. HE APPEARS TO HAVE IN MIND, HOWEVER, PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION IN WHICH NEITHER BRANCH BECOMES MORE REPRESENTATIVE OR DERIVES ITS POWER FROM AN INSTITUTION OTHER THAN ARMED FORCES. IF HIS IDEAS ABOUT OTHER POLITICAL CONTENT OF PINOCHET'S ANNIVERSARY SPEECH ARE COMPARABLE, EMBASSY DOUBTS OUTSIDE WORLD WILL GIVE THEM IMPORTANCE HE SEEMS TO.

9. PUGA SAID REDUCTION IN LEVEL OF STATE OF SIEGE WOULD MEAN OPERATION OF MILITARY TRIBUNALS UNDER "TIME OF PEACE" RULES. STATE OF SIEGE IS PRESENTLY AT SECOND LEVEL (INTERNAL DEFENSE--SEE SANTIAGO A-91 OF JUNE 3, 1975). BOTH THIRD (INTERNAL SECURITY) AND FOURTH (SIMPLE INTERNAL COMMOTION) LEVELS PROVIDE FOR TIME OF PEACE RULES. THESE RULES ARE SOMEWHAT LESS SEVERE, AND PROVIDE FOR APPEALS TO CIVILIAN COURTS. LATTER PROVISION COULD BE IMPORTANT. EMBASSY POINTS OUT THAT PUGA PREDICTED THESE CHANGES IN JANUARY (REF A), WHEN HE LEFT IMPRESSION THEY WERE IMMINENT.

10. PUGA HAD AN AIR OF SERENE CONFIDENCE IN HIS AND JUNTA'S FUTURE. HE DOUBTLESS PRESENTS SAME ANALYSIS TO PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND OTHER JUNTA MEMBERS. (EMBASSY NOTES IN PASSING THAT HE SAID HE WOULD BE A SEGREGATIONIST IF HE WERE AMERICAN: "GOD DID NOT CREATE COLORS FOR NOTHING.")
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